

Alumni Drive
Shifts to High
This Week.

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A Fast Pace,
Let's Hold It.

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FIELDHOUSE FUND PASSES \$14,000 MARK

FIVE UNITS HOLD ANNUAL ELECTIONS

BURNS, QUIRK, JEDACEK GET HIGH OFFICES DURING BALLOTING

Five Chapters, Indianapolis, Lafayette, Chicago, Dayton, and Cleveland, recently held an election of officers.

The Indianapolis unit named Edward M. Burns, '24-'27, 2035 Central Avenue, as president, and Felix C. Feeser, '36-'37, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Burns requested that his telephone numbers be announced so that alumni in the Indianapolis area will be able to get in touch with him easily. His home phone is Wabash 4742; office, Cherry 0491.

Lafayette chapter re-elected last year's charter officers: President, John S. Reifers, '96-'98, of 614 N. 8th St.; vice-president, Ferd Wellman, '15-'20; secretary-treasurer, Charles A. Fromer, '18-'23, Attica.

Frank C. Quirk, '21-'23, of 5945 N. Hermitage Ave., was elected president of the Cook County unit, along with, vice-president, George A. Grieshaber, '32-'36, and secretary-treasurer, Vincent Boeke, '25-'27.

The returns on the Dayton election have not yet come in to the alumni office.

Charter officers of Cleveland Chapter are: William J. Jedacek, '26-'27, 3014 Chatham Ave.; secretary-treasurer, Chester B. Kruczek, '27-'31; treasurer, Urban L. Fox, '05-'07; executive committeemen, Rev. Herman Klocker, '21-'25; Charles VanFlandern, '94-'96, and Myron Kundtz, '25-'27.

Indianapolis Alumnus Hits High Mark in World of Engineers

INDIANAPOLIS.—President of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers is the high office held by William A. Hanley, a director of Eli Lilly and Company, and head of the organization's engineering division.

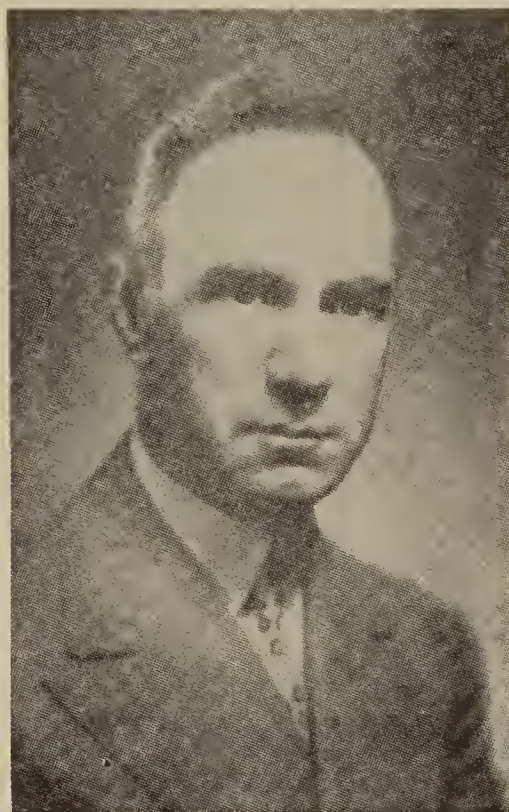
The man who attended St. Joseph's during '01-'02 and '07-'08 said, "I have many memories of the school and my recollections seem to be all of pleasant events.

"I studied at several other institutions after leaving St. Joseph's, but in no other place did I find more serious work or better understanding between the student body and the faculty. St. Joseph's College, to my mind, has always been a great character building school.

"I am greatly impressed by the splendid growth the school has enjoyed in the last few years."

The donor of the \$50 Hanley Science Award, which is presented annually to the St. Joe student who writes the best essay on a scientific subject, was president of the Alumni Association from 1922 until 1924.

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WILLIAM A. HANLEY

Calumet Chapter Will Meet Nov. 13

GARY, IND.—Calumet Chapter has scheduled a meeting for Wednesday night, November 13, at the Lake Hotel here.

Edmund A. Wills, '97-'03, past president of the Alumni Association and prominent South Bend attorney, will be principal speaker. The Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., president of St. Joseph's, will probably be accompanied by several members of the faculty and two or three national officers of the association.

Homecoming Crowd Breaks All Records

A record breaking Homecoming crowd poured into Rensselaer, Saturday, October 12, to see the the St. Joe Pumas romp to a 24-6 victory over the University of Louisville.

It was impossible to give an accurate estimate of the number of alumni and guests who came to Rensselaer for the gala weekend. The Makeover Hotel, capacity 100, was reopened for Homecoming night only, and was filled. Hoosier Inn, capacity 66, was filled. Tourist cabins at the out-

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PRESIDENT ENDS TOUR OF CHAPTERS

DEDICATION DATE SET FOR DECEMBER 19 WITH LORAS COLLEGE

The Fieldhouse Fund shot past the \$14,000 mark, this week, as the drive shifted into high.

Students of St. Joseph's closed a nine-day novena November 11 for the success of the drive.

The Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., and national officers of the Alumni Association have completed a tour of chapter meetings.

J. Henry Hipskind, national president, and J. Gordon Hagstrom, national executive committeeman, were principal speakers at most of the meetings. However, The Rev. John Cogan, of Hamilton, O., was principal speaker at Cincinnati; Henry B. Froning, of South Bend, gave the main address in Chicago, and Edmund Wills, of South Bend, will give the principal talk in Gary, November 13. Samuel Lansky, Chicago financier, accompanied Alumnus Hagstrom to South Bend to deliver one of the main addresses.

It is the aim of the chapters to present the \$75,000 purse to the college on December 19, the night that the fieldhouse is to be dedicated. St. Joe will face Loras College, of Dubuque, Iowa, that evening.

Chapter leaders have been stressing the fact that donors need not necessarily be alumni. Many men who have never been connected with St. Joseph's already have donated toward the fund.

New Alumni Directory Off Press {Story On Page Three}

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Edward W. Fischer — Sylvester H. Ley, C.P.P.S.

From Alumnus To Alumni

Dear Alumnus:

Our drive for \$75,000 to pay for the field-house has started. To some that may seem a large order. However, it is really an easy task, if every alumnus does his bit one way or another.

We have 2,700 alumni. Probably twenty-five per cent of that number, through no fault of their own, are unable to give anything but nominal amounts. Of the balance, some may be able to give only \$10, others \$25. Many could spare \$50. Quite a large number are in a position to give greater amounts. The above donations by the alumni should total \$50,000.

Those who cannot give, and every member who does, can easily go to one or more acquaintances, Catholic or Protestant, and get \$10. I have approached five people and have not had a refusal. I feel confident I can get at least five more. If the 2,700 former students each get at least one \$10 donation from a non-alumnus, \$27,000 will be poured into the fund. That plus the \$50,000 alumni donations will put the thing over the top.

Here's one selling point to use when approaching a non-alumnus: Of the 2,700 alumni, 700 are priests. Quite a large number of the balance received an excellent education at St. Joseph's at reduced rates. This proves that the Fathers of the Precious Blood have not been operating the college for profit. To continue this great charity and to build up the institution, some outside help is necessary. Few people, if properly approached, would refuse to aid in this worthy cause.

We should all attend our chapter meetings and give this drive serious thought. We are not being high pressured. Let's permit our conscience to be our guide, and right now make up our minds to get at least one or more non-alumnus to make a donation. Let's write down a list of names of those who we think might be interested, and start working today.

It's really fun.

Sincerely yours,

OTTO J. BIRKMEIER, '09,

Delphos, Ohio.

PLANE, TRAIN AND CAR speed Norman Liebert, '22-'25, across five states to fulfill his duties as Northwest District Manager for the Grand Rapids Equipment Company. His new address is 5001 Chicago Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Keeps Records Straight

THANKS TO the Rev. F. J. Mutch, '97-'01, for helping us keep the record straight. He writes: "The write-up and the splendid picture of Father John Cogan in the October CONTACT pleased me immensely. At the same time, if they have not already been pointed out to you, a few inaccuracies may be noted in respect to Father Cogan." Father Mutch pointed out that Father Cogan did not enter St. Joe the year the college was founded, but the following year, 1892. He cleared up the fact that "without detracting from the historical fact that John F. Cogan was the first major in the military organization at St. Joseph's, yet the 'father' of military was Lawrence Eberle, who entered college with Mr. Cogan."

ONE OF THE BUSIEST MEN in Hammond is Clarence A. Kussmaul, '09-'11, cashier in the city hall. He is a member of the Catholic Order of Foresters, Holy Name Society, secretary of Elks, Boy Scout committeeman, and secretary of Mens' Jackson Club. In his spare time he collects stamps.

IF YOU WANT TO SEE some super-swanky alumni chapter stationery, write to Fred G. Coffield, '07-'09, 914 Niles Avenue, South Bend. He is treasurer of the St. Joseph Valley unit. Ask him to send you a sample of the organization's letterhead.

DEPUTY ENGINEERING CLERK in the Department of Public Works, Youngstown, O., is the position held by Leo A. Omlor, graduate of the class of 1922. He is the cousin of the Rev. Eugene Omlor, C.P.P.S., '10-'15, the former Collegeville instructor who is now chaplain of Notre Dame convent, Milwaukee.

AFTER TEACHING AT ST. JOSEPH'S for twenty-six years, the Rev. Bernard Condon, C.P.P.S., '02-'08, took over the duties of pastor of Mother of Mercy church and chaplain at Kneipp Sanitarium, Rome City, Ind.

DAYTON, O.—Robert J. Kelly, graduate of the class of '34, is ready to start training at Love Field, Dallas, Texas, one of the army's "Nine Little Randolphins." When he has completed his flight work there he will probably go to the Gulf Coast Training Center, at San Antonio.

Academy Schedule

Coach Dick Scharf has scheduled the following games for his St. Joe Academy team:

Nov. 15	Medaryville	There
Nov. 29	Medaryville	Here
Dec. 7	South Bend C. C.	Here
Dec. 8	St. Ignatius (Chi.)	Here
Dec. 12	St. Philip (Chi.)	Here
Dec. 16	Hammond Cent. Catholic	There
Dec. 22	Fort Wayne Cent. Cath.	There
Jan. 10	St. Thomas (Rockford)	Here
Jan. 12	Joliet Catholic	There
Jan. 13	South Bend Cath.	Here
Jan. 19	St. Paul (Odell, Ill.)	There
Jan. 27	Joliet Cath.	Here
Jan. 31	St. Paul (Odell, Ill.)	Here
Feb. 1	South Bend C. C.	There
Feb. 6	Remington	Here
Feb. 8	South Bend Cath.	There
Feb. 13	Hammond Cent. Cath.	Here

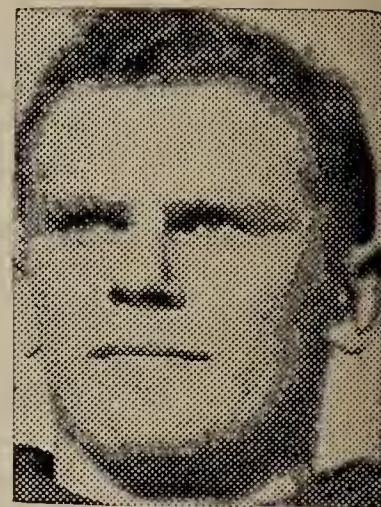
THE ROUNDUP

by

Coach Joe Dienhart



FOUR WINS AND TWO LOSSES is the way our football record stands to date. We will play our last game Sunday, November 10, at St. Norbert's College, West DePere, Wis. We won three straight games since the last issue of CONTACT. We defeated University of Louisville in the homecoming tilt 24-6; Evansville College 26-7, and Central Normal College 24-6.



PETE VARINI

HIGHEST SCORER IN THE STATE is the title held by Pete Varini, St. Joe full-back. He has plunged across for 54 points this season. The former star of Joliet Catholic High School is setting the pace for Steve Juzwik, of Notre Dame, whose 43 points give him second place in the scoring race.

Here's the basketball schedule:

Dec. 3	Ill. Wesleyan, at Bloomington, Ill.
Dec. 6	Purdue University, at Lafayette.
Dec. 12	Illinois Normal, at Rensselaer.
Dec. 14	University of Dayton, at Dayton, O.
Dec. 19	Loras College, (Dubuque, Iowa), at Rensselaer.
Jan. 6	University of Toledo, at Toledo, O.
Jan. 13	Illinois Wesleyan, at Rensselaer.
Jan. 17	St. Norbert's College, at West DePere, Wis.
Jan. 18	Carroll College, at Waukesha, Wis.
Jan. 27	University of Mexico (Mexico City) at Rensselaer.
Jan. 28	Central Normal, at Danville, Ind.
Jan. 31	Valparaiso University, at Rensselaer
Feb. 4	Xavier University, at Cincinnati.
Feb. 6	John Carroll, at Rensselaer.
Feb. 10	Evansville College, at Jasper, Ind.
Feb. 13	Central Normal, at Rensselaer.
Feb. 21	Seton Hall, at South Orange, N. J.
Feb. 24	St. Francis, at Brooklyn, N. Y.
Feb. 25	St. Joseph's, at Philadelphia, Pa.
Mar. 6	Valparaiso U., at Valparaiso, Ind.

A BUSHEL OF ORCHIDS to Chester B. Kruczek, '27-'31, secretary of the Cleveland Chapter. He has continued his sleuthing for addresses and occupations of alumni on the lost list. He recently sent in a report of the chapter which covered all activities since its founding June 5. Three well attended meetings and plenty of enthusiasm point to the probability that Cleveland will be setting the pace for all other units before many moons.

HERE and THERE

Health good; appetite wonderful, and weight (too much) is the way the Rev. James Elliott, '25-'31, assistant at Holy Angels, Gary, reported on himself.

Edward C. Purcell, '16-'17, of Detroit, is branch manager for the Pioneer Paper Stock Company, Chicago.

Frank J. Semanic, '14-'16, manages the Semanic Coal Co., Whiting, Ind.

Arthur J. Leuterman, '30-'35, is a lawyer in Milwaukee. He is associated with his father, Max. J. Leuterman.

Cornelius Ellis, '99-'02, is in the wholesale lumber and sash-doors business in Bloomington, Illinois.

Arthur A. Schulte, '18-'21, is a die maker for the Dodge Brothers Motor Car Company, Detroit.

Clarence Bechtel, '35-'36, is a salesman for the Lane Drug Company, Toledo, O.

John Detrick, '29-'31, is freight brakeman on the B. & O., Garret, Ind.

Ends Census



BROTHER CLETUS

One Thousand Alumni Get Copy Of 1940 Golden Jubilee Directory

There are alumni in Anchorage, Alaska; Wolf Point, Montana; Rutland, Vermont, and Chihkiang Hunan, China. There are nine charter members of the Alumni Association formed June 17, 1896. There have been thirty national presidents. These and innumerable other interesting facts are contained in the Alumni Directory which was placed in the mail-boxes of one thousand former students during the past ten days.

The directory is divided into four major classifications. In the first part, are names of all known alumni listed in alphabetical order, followed by the years they attended St. Joe, their addresses, and their occupations—when known. In the second division, is a list of deceased alumni which includes the date of death. A few pages of alumni whose addresses are unknown are contained in the third section. The fourth part, is made up of a geographical list of former students as to states and towns. Pictures of the College, a roll call of past presidents of the association, names of charter members, etc., fill out the 120-page (Continued on Page Four; Col. Four)

OLD GREY MARE STAGES COMEBACK DURING ALUMNI DAY GAME



These two old pictures, which have a very definite relation, were dug up by the Rev. John Baechle, C.P.P.S., '25-'30. At the left, is the photo of a scene familiar on the campus during the early years of the century. The young man on the mower has been identified as the late Father Victor Meagher, '00-'06. At the right, is the Rev. Leo Sponar, C.P.P.S., '03-'10, with Matthew (Jack) Dempsey. Here's the story: During the student-alumni baseball game in 1928, Father Sponar suddenly loomed up on the campus driving an old white horse which was hitched to a mower.

The students started a riot. They thought he was trying to delay the game. The grads had delayed the game in previous years for ulterior motives. If the contest was not finished when the bell rang for students' dinner, the alumni would claim victory on a forfeit. But Father Sponar wasn't trying to delay the game. He was merely trying to turn back the clock for old timers. He wanted to bring to their recollections the once famous campus scene which might have been titled, "A Boy, a White Horse, and a Mower."

President Lauds Alumni Spirit

When speaking of his tour of the chapters, the Very Rev. Dr. Aloys Dirksen, C.P.P.S., college president, said:

"The meetings were a great success. It was a thrill and a tonic to find the genuine interest and enthusiasm for the drive manifested at the meetings and to experience how warm and deep is the devotion of the Alumni to the college."

Alumnus Praises St. Joe Faculty

CHICAGO.—Henry Gzybowski, '30-'36, recently was graduated from crutches to a cane after suffering the inconvenience of a mending leg which was broken in a fall from a frisky horse.

The alumnus, who is now attending the School of Commerce at Northwestern, said: "After sitting-in on classroom lectures in various parts of the country, I have come to the realization that St. Joe's faculty can't be beat for quality teaching."

Father John Lefko To Stage Play Nov. 24 In Whiting

WHITING, IND.—The Rev. John M. Lefko, C.P.P.S., '27-'32, will stage a well known, fast moving, football show called "Good News," at 8:15 p. m., Sunday, Nov. 24. Four St. Joe men, John Paylo, '37-'39; Albert Kovach, '33-'34; August Bubala, '35-'37, and Richard Hajdich, '38-'39, are in the play which is sponsored by St. John's church.

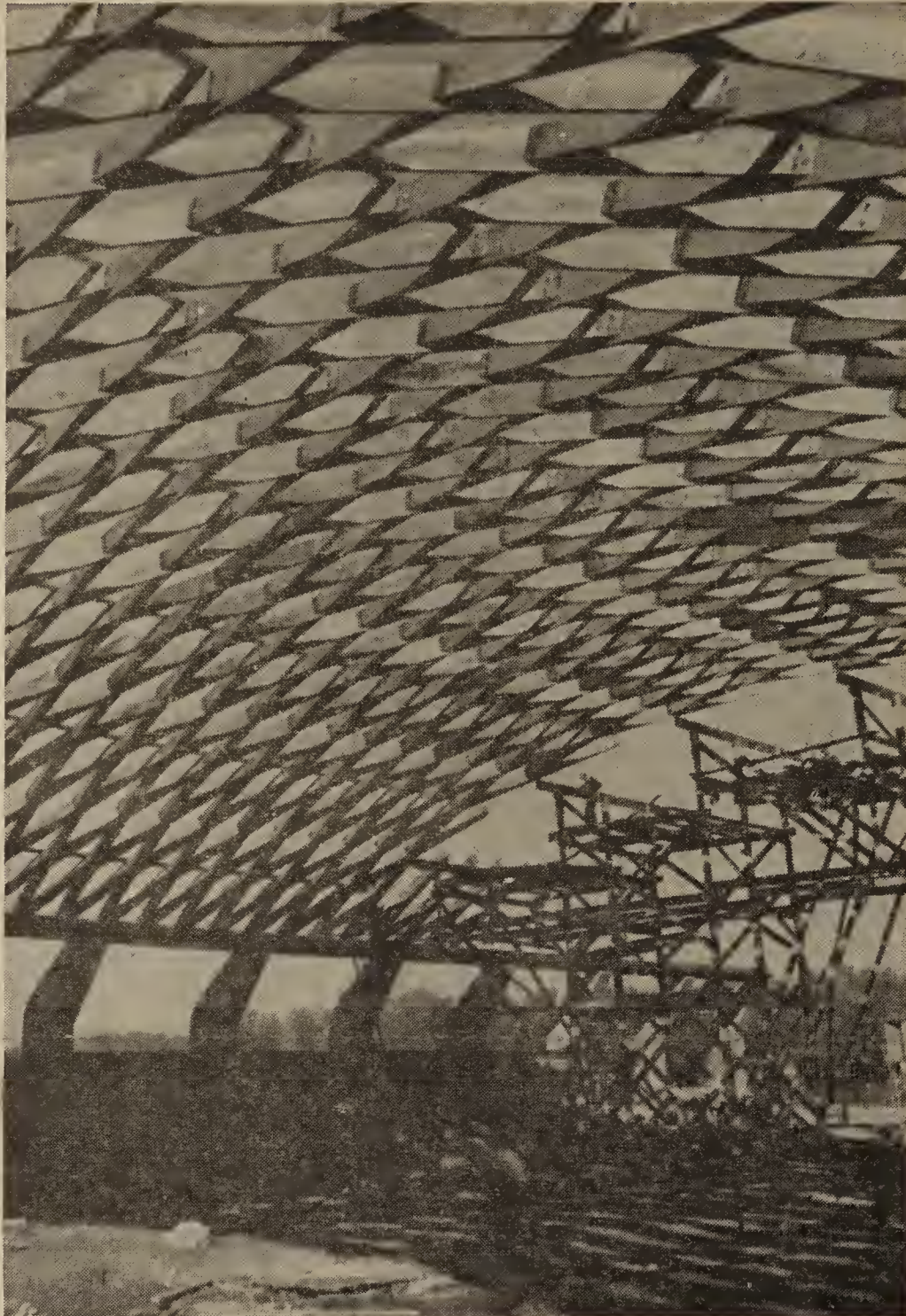
INDIANAPOLIS GRAD GETS HIGH OFFICE

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Prior to his attending Purdue, Alumnus Hanley worked for five years for the Republic Steel Corporation and the Broderick Bolier Company, both of Muncie, Ind. He was graduated from Purdue in 1911 with the degree of Bachelor of Science in mechanical engineering. The University bestowed upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering, twenty-six years later.

The engineering division, which the former St. Joe student heads, designs and supervises all engineering projects, construction, power, and maintenance for the

WORM'S-EYE VIEW OF FIELDHOUSE



This artistic shot of the fieldhouse under construction was made by the Rev. John Baechle, C.P.P.S., '25-'30. He stood in the center of the structure and shot skyward. At the time the picture was taken, the lamella roof was about three quarters way across the building. If you want to get some idea of the size of the fieldhouse, look for the man on the scaffold at the far end of the structure.

Eli Lilly Corporation, its branches and subsidiaries, and, in addition, operates certain highly mechanized production departments. In '38-'39, Mr. Hanley spent much time in Basingstoke, England, building a new manufacturing plant for the British subsidiary of the Eli Lilly Company.

Over a long period of years, Mr. Hanley has contributed to the technical press a number of articles on both engineering and economic subjects. He is past-president of the Indiana Engineering Council, an honorary member of Tau Beta Pi, a member of the Newcomen Society of England, and a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He is also a coun-

cilor of the Purdue Research Foundation, a director of the Indianapolis Smoke Abatement League, and a trustee of the Park School of Indianapolis, of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity (national), and the Associated Catholic Charities of Indianapolis.

Five Alumni Wed

Five Alumni were married since the last issue of CONTACT came from the press. They are: Paul Schumacher, '20-'21, Mishawaka, Ind.; Milton Bock, '29-'31, Mishawaka, Ind.; Alex J. Rose, '33-'34, Burlington, Wis.; William E. Callahan, '33-'37, of Kankakee, Ill., and Lloyd Kohley, '25-'26, Chicago.

Tiffin Names Scharf President

Cyril Scharf, '16-'19, 333 W. North Street, Fostoria, was advanced from the vice-presidency to the presidency of Tiffin chapter when the Rev. Sylvester D. Schelzer, '23-'25, was transferred to Toledo.

HOMECOMING CROWD BREAKS ALL RECORDS

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skirts of the town were taken. All available space in private homes was used. Some alumni went to a hotel in Remington for the night. Many former students, who lived within a hundred mile radius of the college, returned home after the game. Only alumni who sent in reservations were assured room space.

The Monogram Club's football dance, in the local armory, followed the game.

The Homecoming week-end closed with the dedication of the statue of Father August Seifert, C.P.P.S. The Rev. Aloysius J. Copenolle, '06-'11, of Earl Park, was principal speaker at the dedicatory service Sunday afternoon.

ONE THOUSAND ALUMNI GET 1940 DIRECTORY

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volume.

The geographical list adds much to the value of the book. For instance, if an alumnus carries the directory with him on a tour of the west, he might find out that an old classmate lives at Talmadge, Nebraska; Ogden, Utah, or San Fernando, California. Without the directory, he might forfeit many pleasant experiences.

Brother Cletus, C.P.P.S., compiler of the volume, says that there are a limited number of copies left. The cost per copy is \$1.00.

If any alumnus wants to get an idea of how much work went into the directory, he might sit down and start typing it out page by page. And that's the easiest part of it. Before the typing could start, thousands of pieces of mail had to be sent out to learn addresses and occupations. Hundreds of personal letters had to be written to track down lost sheep. Hours were consumed in editing and proof reading. No, it wasn't something that could be turned out in a spare afternoon.